

**Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

Address to:  
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| Application Number     | <b>09/851,402</b>        |
| Filing Date            | <b>May 8, 2001</b>       |
| First Named Inventor   | <b>Britt Jr., Joe F.</b> |
| Group Art Unit         | <b>2174</b>              |
| Examiner Name          | <b>Sax, Steven Paul</b>  |
| Attorney Docket Number | <b>81414.28</b>          |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above- identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply to Final Office Action of December 29, 2006 (11 total pages)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement

iv.  Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

v.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00 total fee)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$120.00 total fee)

iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

| <i>SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT</i> |                       |                  |               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Name                                  | <b>Matthew Dyor</b>   | Registration No. | <b>45,278</b> |
| Signature                             | <b>/Matthew Dyor/</b> |                  |               |
| Date                                  | <b>April 30, 2007</b> |                  |               |

| <b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION</b>   |                          |      |                       |
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| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically deposited with the USPTO via EFS-Web on the date shown below: |                          |      |                       |
| Signature   | <b>/Kate Marochkina/</b> |      |                       |
| Name  | <b>Kate Marochkina</b>   | Date | <b>April 30, 2007</b> |